

**AMENDED CLAIM SET:**

1. (currently amended) A flame-retardant polyacetal resin composition comprising (A) 60 to 90% by weight of a polyacetal resin, (B) 1 to 30% ~~30%~~ by weight of red phosphorus coated with an inorganic material and/or a resin, (C) 1 to 40% by weight of at least one resin selected from the group consisting of phenol resins and polycarbonate resins, and (D) 0.1 to 5% by weight of ~~a metal~~ an alkali metal or an alkaline earth metal salt of a fatty acid as a thermal stabilizer.

2. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the red phosphorus is coated with ~~an inorganic material~~ a metal hydroxide and/or a resin .

3. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the red phosphorus has an average particle size of 0.1 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (previously presented) A resin composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the amount of red phosphorus in the whole composition is 5 to 15% by weight.

5. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a novolak phenol resin having a weight-average molecular weight of 500 to 10,000.

6. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin modified with paraxylylene or alkylbenzene.

7. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a phenol resin containing 5% by weight or less of unreacted phenol.

8. (cancelled).

9. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 1 ~~claim 8~~, wherein the metal salt (D) is a lithium salt of a fatty acid.

10. (original) A resin composition according to claim 9, wherein the lithium salt is lithium stearate.

11. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 1 further comprising 5% by weight or less of (E) a silicon-based lubricant.

12. (new) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the red phosphorus is coated with an inorganic material/resin two-layer coating.

13. (new) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the red phosphorus is coated with an inorganic material/resin mixture coating.